

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Atlantic Council of the United States

Travel date(s): May 25, 2019 - June 1, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$2,807.37	\$799.68	\$375.16	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

See final program on additional pages attached separately.

7-1-19

(Date)

Hannah Thoburn

(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]

(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

7/1/2019

(Date)

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(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



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April 18, 2019

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Executive Vice President, Programs and Strategy

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Atlantic Council of the United States (Atlantic Council)
2. Description of the trip: Balkans Forward Congressional Staff Delegation to the Western Balkans
(see point 2 on additional pages for more information).
3. Dates of travel: May 25 - June 1, 2019
4. Place of travel: Pristina & Prizren, Kosovo; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budva, Montenegro
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See point 5 on additional pages
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

See point 15 on additional pages for more information

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$2,800	\$794	\$480	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	(See point 16 on additional pages for detailed break-down)	(See point 16 on additional pages for detailed break-down)	(See point 16 on additional pages for detailed break-down)	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

See point 18 on the additional pages for more information

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

See point 19 on the additional pages for more information

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

See point 20 on the additional pages for more information

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See point 21 on the additional pages for more information

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

See point 22 on the additional pages for more information

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Julie Varghese

Name and Title: Julie Varghese, Chief Administrative Officer

Name of Organization: The Atlantic Council of the United States

Address: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington D.C. 20005

Telephone Number: 202 599 8637

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org



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Final Agenda

Saturday, May 25

5:35 p.m. **Depart Washington DC (IAD) for Pristina (via Vienna)**

Location: Washington Dulles International Airport
Flight number: OS 94
Airline: Austrian Airlines

Sunday, May 26

8:40 a.m. **Arrive Vienna International Airport (VIE)**

10:10 a.m. **Depart VIE for Pristina**

Location: Vienna International Airport
Flight number: OS 777
Airline: Austrian Airlines

11:40 a.m. **Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari**

Meet Jörn Fleck and Damir Marusic at arrivals

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel check-in

Hotel Nartel
Kalabria Bll B2 Llam B
Pristina, Kosovo
Telephone: +38338558855
Web site: <http://www.hotelnartel.com/en/Home>

Sunday, May 26 – continued

7:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. Program briefing over dinner

Location: Tiffany's Restaurant
Kalabria, Pristina 10000 Kosovo

Briefers: Damon Wilson, *Executive Vice President, Programs and Strategy, Atlantic Council*
Damir Marusic, *Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council*

Topics: Briefing on the key issues of the visit to the region and the political, economic, and security situation in the Balkans

Relevance: Staffers received an overview of the current situation in the region and latest developments, helping familiarize them with relevant information ahead of their meetings. The briefing was also designed to strengthen their foundational understanding of the region and provide an opportunity to gain knowledge of the key issues impacting the Western Balkans in preparation for the following days. Damon Wilson and Damir Marusic are both experts on the Balkans.

Transfer to Hotel

Programming Ends

Monday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. H.E. Hashim Thaçi, *President of the Republic of Kosovo*

Location: Presidential Palace
Office of the President of Kosovo
Assembly Building "Mother Theresa" Square
10 000 Pristina

Topics: The Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the ongoing tariff dispute with Serbia, Kosovo's foreign policy and domestic priorities

Relevance: The meeting allowed the delegation to gain a better understanding of the president's outlook on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and his approach to the current deadlock. The group was also able to discuss potential US policy options to support a mutually agreeable solution in this process. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the staffers to ask the president about domestic reform initiatives and updates on the Kosovo army as well as Kosovo's NATO and EU perspectives. The meeting enabled the group to compare the President's positions with those of the Prime Minister.

Monday, May 27 – continued

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. H.E Kadri Veseli, *Chairman of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo*

Location: Assembly of Kosovo
Government Building, “Mother Teresa” Square
10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

Topics: Parliamentary agenda, Kosovo-Serbia relations, US-Kosovo relations

Relevance: The staffers discussed the domestic political dynamics in the country’s parliament with a parliamentary leader. The president of the parliament also provided an overview of his priorities with regard to US-Kosovo relations and competing views of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. H.E. Ramush Haradinaj, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo*

Location: Office of the Prime Minister
Government Building, “Mother Teresa” Square
10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

Topics: Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the ongoing tariff dispute with Serbia, domestic policy and reform agenda, Kosovo’s NATO and EU perspective.

Relevance: The staffers were able to gain a deeper understanding of the Prime Minister’s outlook on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the tariffs on Serbian products, and the efforts of the international community to broker a deal. The group was also able to discuss potential US policy options to support a mutually agreeable solution. The meeting furthermore covered the domestic reform agenda of the prime minister and key policy challenges such as crime and corruption.

11:45 a.m. ***Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure***

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. KFOR Briefing – Alexander Avlos Aalmo, *Chief Political Advisor, KFOR Headquarters*

Location: Private Room, Hotel Nartel

Topics: KFOR role, security and law enforcement challenges in Kosovo

Relevance: Mr. Aalmo briefed the staff delegation on KFOR’s current role in Kosovo, relations with the government, and KFOR assessments of the domestic political and security situation. The briefing also covered relations between the Albanian and Serbian populations, potential crisis points, the Kosovo Security Force, and crime and corruption challenges as well as NATO/ KFOR’s posture in the country.

Monday, May 27 – continued

Depart hotel with luggage for EU Delegation meeting

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. H.E. Nataliya Apostolova, *EU Special Representative to the Republic of Kosovo*

Location: European Union Office in Kosovo
Kosova Street 1,
Pristina 10000
Republic of Kosovo

Topics: EU assessments of the domestic reform agenda, Kosovo's EU perspective, Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue

Relevance: The meeting with the EU Special Representative, effectively the EU Ambassador in the country, and her senior Embassy team provided the staffers EU's assessments of Kosovo's progress on domestic political, economic, and institutional reform on its path toward candidate status for EU accession. The staffers also discussed the EU's outlook on the EU-facilitated Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and the April 29 Berlin meeting with all six Balkan countries, which included the Kosovar and Serbian presidents. Staffers were able to compare the EU assessment with viewpoints expressed by Kosovo government representatives and better evaluate progress.

3:30 p.m. Depart Pristina for Tirana by bus

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Travel Debrief from Kosovo/ Briefing on Albania while in transit

Briefers: Damon Wilson, *Executive Vice President, Programs and Strategy, Atlantic Council*

Judy Ansley, *Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council*

Topics: Kosovo debrief, briefing on Albanian politics, economic situation, and domestic reform, US-Albanian relations

Relevance: Mr. Wilson and Ms. Ansley led a general discussion with the staffers on their key takeaways and impressions from the meetings in Pristina. They then provided an overview of the program in Tirana and background on the latest domestic developments with regards to the stand-off between the government and opposition in Albania as well as on US-Albanian relations and Albania's role in NATO.

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Tuesday, May 28

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Country Briefing with Leyla Moses-Ones, *Chargé d’Affaires*, US Embassy to Albania**

Location: The Plaza Hotel, Private Room, 2nd Floor

Briefers: **Chargé d’Affaires Leyla Moses-Ones**
US Embassy Staff

Topics: Background briefing on meetings with Albanian government officials and US government positions and assessments

Relevance: The Chargé d’Affaires and her senior Embassy team briefed the staffers on the latest developments relating to the current political situation in the country, the ongoing deadlock between the government and opposition parties, and the Albanian counterparts the delegation will meet the following day. The Embassy team also shared US government positions, assessments, and concerns related to the domestic situation and key policy challenges facing Albania.

8:15 a.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings**

8:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. **H.E. Ilir Meta, *President of the Republic of Albania***

Location: Presidential Palace
Rruga e Elbasanit,
Tirana 1044, Albania

Topics: Albania’s domestic political situation, foreign policy priorities

Relevance: The president provided an overview of his perspective and position on the current domestic political situation and stalemate between the government and the opposition. The delegation also discussed Albania’s domestic reform efforts and the pending EU decision on Albania’s accession candidacy.

10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. **H.E. Edi Rama, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania***

Location: Office of the Prime Minister
Blv. Dëshmorët e Kombit 1
Tirana, Albania

Topics: Albania’s domestic political situation, foreign policy priorities, US-Albania relations, Albania’s EU candidacy

Relevance: The meeting allowed the staffers to gain a deeper understanding of the Prime Minister’s domestic priorities with regard to the current political situation in Albania and the stand-off with the opposition. The prime minister and the group also discussed the government’s strategy with regard to the upcoming decision on Albania’s EU accession candidacy and priorities with regard to domestic reform. The conversation furthermore covered Albania’s NATO commitments and challenges in the wider Balkan region.

Tuesday, May 28 – continued

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. American Chamber of Commerce Albania

Key Participants:

Mr. Enio Jaço, *President*, AmCham Albania

Mr. Reshard Kellici, *Secretary of the Board*

Mr. Dael Dervishi, *Member of the Board*

Mrs. Eni Xheko, *Member of the Board*

Mr. Ilir Trimi, *Executive Director*, AmCham Albania

Location: Sky Tower Tirana
Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

Topics: US private sector engagement and investment in Albania, key US private sector priorities and concerns

Relevance: The staffers learned first-hand about the profile of US private sector activity and investment in Albania from American business representatives. The group also discussed key US private sector priorities for domestic reform and concerns about hurdles for business in the country.

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Meetings with Albanian opposition party representatives, including:

Key Participants:

Lulzim Basha, *Chair*, Democratic Party (DP)

Fatmir Mediu, *Chair*, Republican Party

Klajda Gjoshaj, *Deputy Chair*, Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)

Location: Democratic Party Headquarters

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, EU candidacy

Relevance: The staffers were able to hear the viewpoints of the leaders of the country's three largest opposition parties on the domestic political situation and possible solutions to the current stalemate between the government and the opposition. The group discussed international concerns about the situation and possible approaches to move past the current stalemate. The delegation was also able to discuss opposition perspectives with regard to the country's pending EU candidacy status, domestic reforms, and the upcoming EU announcement on accession negotiations as well as the impact of the domestic situation on the above.

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Tuesday, May 28 – continued

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Roundtable with U.S. Embassy Albanian Youth Council facilitated by Lucija Straley**

Location: American Corner in the National Library

Topics: Youth priorities and perspectives with regard to Albania's future
Relevance: The staffers met with Albanian college students, young professionals, and youth activists to discuss their perspectives on the key challenges facing the younger generation of Albanians and the country as a whole. The group discussed everyday concerns of young Albanians, civic and political engagement, and issues regarding professional prospects, the education sector, and the challenge of the brain drain. The staff delegation was also able to gain a better understanding of attitudes among young Albanians toward politics and the current political situation in Albania.

Walk to The Plaza

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion with Albanian Think Tank Representatives and Policy Experts on regional issues and cooperation in the Western Balkans**

Participants:

Odeta Barbullushi, *Adviser to the PM/Scholar*
Remzi Lani, Albanian Media Institute (ISHM)
Sotirag Hroni, Institute for Democracy and Mediation
Gjergj Vrumo, Institute for Democracy and Mediation
Albert Rakipi, Albania Institute for International Studies
Alba Cela, Albania Institute for International Studies
Fatjona Mejdini, *Journalist*
Ebi Spahiu, Embassy of The Netherlands
Krisela Hackaj, Center for International Development
Epidamn Zeqo, *Independent Researcher*
Megi Llubani, *OSCE Security Expert*

Location: Private Room, The Plaza

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, domestic reform agenda, Albania's EU perspective

Relevance: The staffers were able to hear the perspectives of a diverse mix of civil society and think tank representatives on the current domestic political situation, domestic policy challenges, such as crime and corruption, and the status of existing political, economic, and institutional reform efforts. The staffers also discussed non-governmental perspectives on the country's path toward the EU, the impending decision on accession negotiations, and how a potential delay of the decision may impact Albanian politics and society.

Tuesday, May 28 – continued

7:30 p.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner**

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Albania Debrief/ Takeaways Discussion over Dinner**

Location: Restaurant Mullixhiu

Topics: Key takeaways and impressions from the meetings in Albania

Relevance: Damon Wilson and Judy Ansley led a discussion about the staffer's key takeaways and impressions of the meetings in Albania.

Programming Ends

Wednesday, May 29

2:30 a.m. ***Meet in hotel lobby with luggage for transfer to the airport***

Check out and Transfer to Tirana Airport

4:30 a.m. **Depart Tirana for Belgrade**

Location: Tirana International Airport

Flight number: JU 217

Airline: Air Serbia

5:45 a.m. **Arrive at Belgrade Airport**

Transfer to Hotel

6:45 a.m. **Early Check-in Requested**

Metropol Palace

Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000

Belgrade

Telephone: +381 11 3333100

Web site: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/beglc-metropol-palace-a-luxury-collection-hotel-belgrade/>

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Thursday, May 30 – continued

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Country Briefing over dinner with The Hon. Judy Rising Reinke, Ambassador of the United States to Montenegro and US Embassy Team**

Location: Restaurant, Hotel Splendid

Briefers: Ambassador Judy Rising Reinke
US Embassy Staff

Topics: Official US positions and assessments on Montenegro

Relevance: The US Ambassador and her country team briefed the delegation on the latest developments in the domestic politics in Montenegro, the country's commitments in NATO, its path toward EU accession, and foreign policy challenges facing Podgorica. The Embassy briefing also covered US positions and assessments and prepared the staffers for their government meetings the following day.

10:00 p.m. **Programming Ends**

Friday, May 31

9:45 a.m. **Meet in Lobby for Opening of To Be Secure Forum**

10:00 a.m. **Official Opening 2BS (to be secure) forum**

Speaker:
Duško Marković, *Prime Minister, Montenegro*

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

Relevance: President Milo Đukanović articulated the need, and his vision, for greater efforts throughout the Western Balkans to move beyond existing disputes, accelerate domestic reform, and for the countries in the region take a more cooperative approach to Euro-Atlantic integration.

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Friday May 31 – continued

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Panel 1: “Western Balkans: Gremlins of the Past and Fairy Tales of the Future”**

Keynotes:

Milo Đukanović, *President*, Montenegro

Borut Pahor, *President*, Slovenia

Panelists:

Ali Aslan, *Tv Presenter & Journalist*, Germany

Marina Pendeš, *Minister*, Ministry Of Defense, Bosnia And Herzegovina

Thomas Silberhorn, *Parliamentary State Secretary*, Ministry Of Defense, Germany

Péter Sztáray, *State Secretary For Security Policy*, Ministry Of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Igor Lukšić, *Former Prime Minister And Minister Of Foreign Affairs And Director of SEE*, Pwc, Montenegro

Damon Wilson, *Executive Vice President*, Atlantic Council, USA

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

Panel Topics: *From the conference organizers:* The Western Balkans have, like the rest of Europe, been experiencing “the very taste” of geopolitics, with growing influence of Russia, China and Turkey that are exercising their role and influence in the region through carefully crafted soft power “recipes” and offer different visions and frameworks for the region. But to be fair, many of the region's problems are still internal. From the Serbia-Kosovo dispute, ethnic tensions and divisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to high corruption and unemployment rate and generally unenviable economic situation. These issues in combination with lurking external influences can have a crucial impact in shaping the future of this region. However, not everything is gloomy, Montenegro marks this year its second anniversary of NATO membership and has made important progress towards its EU membership. Following its steps, Macedonia represents a bright example that if there are political will and leadership, solutions are possible. It has managed to resolve, almost three decades long name dispute with Greece and is set to become 30th NATO member. Can Bosnia and Herzegovina follow these examples and find common ground among the entities in pushing the country towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration? What about future prospects of integration for Serbia?

Relevance: The panel discussion offered the staff delegation a discussion and combination of perspectives from the region, Europe, and the United States on key themes and challenges – past, present, and future – facing the countries of Southeastern Europe and possible approaches to addressing them.

Saturday, June 1

a.m. – Hannah Thoburn joins Senate Foreign Relations Committee travel

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Agenda
(as of May 24)

Saturday, May 25

5:35 p.m. **Flight departure to Pristina (via Vienna)**
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location: Washington Dulles International Airport
Flight number: OS 94
Airline: Austrian Airlines

Sunday, May 26

8:40 a.m. **Arrive Vienna International Airport (VIE)**
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

10:10 a.m. **Depart VIE for Pristina**
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location: Vienna International Airport
Flight number: OS 777
Airline: Austrian Airlines

11:30 a.m. **Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)**
(Lina Dakheel)

Location: Heathrow Airport
Flight number: LH 905
Airline: Lufthansa

11:40 a.m. **Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari**
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Meet Jörn Fleck and Damir Marusic at arrivals

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Sunday, May 26 – continued

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel check-in

Hotel Nartel

Kalabria Bll B2 Llam B

Pristina, Kosovo

Telephone: +38338558855

Web site: <http://www.hotelnartel.com/en/Home>

Downtime

2:00 p.m.

Arrive Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)

(Lina Dakheel)

3:30 p.m.

Depart FRA for Pristina

(Lina Dakheel)

Location: Frankfurt am Main Airport

Flight number: LH 6916

Airline: Lufthansa

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Country briefing with The Hon. Philip S. Kosnett, Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

5:40 p.m.

Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari

(Lina Dakheel)

6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

7:25 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program briefing over dinner

Location: Restaurant Collection

Kalabria, Pristina 10000 Kosovo

9:30 p.m.

Transfer to Hotel

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7:15 a.m. **Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)**
(Gabrielle Gould)
Location: Berlin Tegel Airport
Flight number: LH 45
Airline: Lufthansa

8:25 a.m. **Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)**
(Gabrielle Gould)

9:30 a.m. **Depart FRA for Pristina**
(Gabrielle Gould)

Location: Frankfurt am Main Airport
Flight number: LH 6916
Airline: Lufthansa

Breakfast on your own (included in room rate)

8:30 a.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **H.E. Hashim Thaçi, *President of the Republic of Kosovo***

Location: Presidential Palace
Office of the President of Kosovo Assembly Building "Mother Theresa" Square, 10 000 Pristina.

9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. **H.E Kadri Veseli, *Chairman of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo***

Location: Assembly of Kosovo
Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square
10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. **H.E. Ramush Haradinaj, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo***

Location: Office of the Prime Minister
Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square
10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **H.E. Behgjet Pacolli, *First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo***

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building
Str. "Luan Haradinaj"
10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

11:20 a.m. ***Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure***

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Military and Civilian Officials from KFOR Mission to Kosovo

Depart hotel with luggage for EU Delegation meeting

Location: European Union Office in Kosovo
Kosova Street 1,
Pristina 10000
Republic of Kosovo

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Travel Debrief from Kosovo/ Briefing on Albania while in transit

Hotel check-in

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Working dinner with Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, Republic of Albania

Programing Ends

Tuesday, May 28

- 7:15 a.m. **Flight departure to Tirana (via Rome)**
(Mimi Bair)
- Location: Leonardo da Vinci International Airport
Flight number: AZ 619
Airline: Alitalia
- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Private Breakfast with U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Leyla Moses-Ones and core US Embassy team.**
- Location: The Plaza Hotel
- 8:15 a.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings**
- 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. **H.E. Ilir Meta, *President of the Republic of Albania***
- Location: Presidential Palace
Rruga e Elbasanit,
Tirana 1044, Albania
- 8:25 a.m. **Arrive Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO)**
(Mimi Bair)
- 9:25 a.m. **Depart FCO for Tirana**
(Mimi Bair)
- Location: Leonardo da Vinci International Airport
Flight number: AZ 582
Airline: Alitalia
- 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. **H.E. Edi Rama, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania***
- Location: Office of the Prime Minister
Blv. Dëshmorët e Kombit 1
Tirana, Albania
- 10:50 a.m. **Arrive Tirana International Airport**
(Mimi Bair)
- Transfer to Hotel
- 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. **H.E. Gramoz Ruçi, *President of the Parliament of the Republic Albania***
- Location: Parliament of the Republic of Albania
Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Nr.4
Tirana, Albania

Wednesday, May 29 – continued

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **H.E. Nebojša Stefanović, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia**

Location: 2 Mihajla Pupina Boulevard Belgrade, Serbia

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Meetings with Serbian Opposition Representatives, including:**

Mr. Damjan Krnjec Miskovic, Advisor to 2017 presidential candidate and President of the People's Party, Vuk Jeremic

LtGen(ret.) Zdravko Ponos, Vice-President of People's Party and former Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces

Location: CIRSD
bulevar Oslobođenja 177
Belgrade, Serbia

Transfer to hotel

6:15 p.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Serbia Debrief over working dinner**

Location: Manufaktura Restaurant Belgrade
Kralja Petra 13, Beograd 11000, Serbia

Programing Ends

Thursday, May 30

7:30 a.m. **Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **H.E. Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia**

Location: Presidential Palace of Serbia
Andrićev venac 1,
11000 Belgrade, Serbia

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Meeting with Bojana Jovanović, Deputy Editor in Chief at KIRK, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project**

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade
92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica
11040 Belgrade, Serbia

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Roundtable with Civil Society Representatives**

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade
92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica
11040 Belgrade, Serbia

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Friday, May 31

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Bilateral Meetings with Senior Government Representatives, including:**

H.E. Milo Đukanović, *President of Montenegro*

H.E. Duško Marković, *Prime Minister of Montenegro*

H.E. Srđan Darmanović, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro*

Location: Hotel Splendid

10:00 a.m. **Official Opening 2BS (to be secure) forum**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Panel 1: “Western Balkans: Gremlins of the Past and Fairy Tales of the Future”**

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Panel 2: “Security Reimagined: The Ironclad Commitment to The Transatlantic Alliance put to test”**

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Bilateral Meetings with Senior Government Representatives, including:**

H.E. Mr. Zoran Zaev, *Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia*

H.E. Igor Crnadak, *Minister of Foreign Affairs for Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Location: Hotel Splendid

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Panel: “Three Shades of Red: Russia, China and Turkey – Changing Global Power Dynamics?”**

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Bilateral meetings with government officials**

H.E. Predrag Bošković, *Minister of Defence of Montenegro*

Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, *Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Federal Republic of Germany*

Location: Hotel Splendid

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Farewell dinner and Feedback Session**

Location: Astoria

Njegoseva 4, Old Town, Budva

Backup: Langust Restaurant

36 Obala St, Pržno

Programming Ends

7:00 a.m.	Check out and Transfer to Podgorica Airport (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
8:00 a.m.	Check out and Transfer to Tivat Airport (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
8:15 a.m.	Arrive at Podgorica Airport (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
8:30 a.m.	Arrive at Tivat Airport (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
9:45 a.m.	Depart Podgorica for Istanbul (IST) (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould) Location: Podgorica Airport Flight number: TK 1086 Airline: Turkish Airlines
10:05 a.m.	Depart Tivat for Munich (MUC) (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney) Location: Tivat Airport Flight number: LH 1733 Airline: Lufthansa
11:50 a.m.	Arrive Munich Airport (MUC) (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
12:30 p.m.	Arrive Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST) (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
2:55 p.m.	Depart Istanbul for Washington, D.C (IAD) (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould) Location: Istanbul Ataturk Airport Flight number: TK 7 Airline: Turkish Airlines
4:25 p.m.	Depart Munich for Washington, D.C. (IAD) (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney) Location: Munich International Airport Flight number: LH 414 Airline: Lufthansa
7:25 p.m.	Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
7:30 p.m.	Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) (Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)